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SUBJECT: MTAG: SYRIA'S MISSILE PROGRAM SEEKING CNC
MACHINING CENTERS (S)

REF: SECSTATE 71707

Classified By: Deputy Political Counselor Mark Canning for reasons 1.4
(a) (b) and (c)

[1](#)1. (S) Czech officials responsible for non-proliferation issues told poloff May 4th that the machine which is the subject of reftel was never exported to Syria. Poloff was shown a copy of the MTCR denial notification, MI-CZ-05-001, dated January 12, 2005. The notification was sent to appropriate MTCR officials in Paris, and to the EU in Brussels.

[1](#)2. (S) Information from the MTCR notification reads, Vertical Machining Centre Model MCV 1000 Sprint 5 AX CNC, quantity 3 NAR, valued at EURO 775,362, was denied based on the Catch All classification. The consignee and end user is Handasieh General Organization for Engineering, Address: Abou Baker All Seddeq Street, Damsacus, Syria, Telefax 963-11-512 80 19. The reason for the denial is stated as, "Unacceptable risk of diversion to a missile program of concern."

[1](#)3. (S) The export license for this machine was submitted to the MFA on 06 Aug 2004. That license was issued on 18 Aug [1](#)2004. However, after hearing from the Czech intel agency BIS, the MFA revoked the license on 23 Dec 2004, before any exports took place.
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